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INCLUSION OF JYOTI GRAM YOJANA UNDER MPLADS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for the inclusion of `Jyoti Gram Yojana` under MPLADS funds; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be approved ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) The Government of Gujarat sought clarification on contribution from Members of Parliament from their MPLADS funds in the Jyoti Gram Yojana on behalf of villages in their constituencies.

(b) The objective of the Jyoti Gram Yojana is to create basic infrastructure facilities for 24 hours power supply to villages. Item No. 19 in the Appendix 1 of the Guidelines on Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme permits provision of civic amenities like electricity in slum areas of cities, towns and villages and in schedule cast and schedule tribe habitations. However, substitution of public or community contribution with MPLADS funds in any Central / State programme which includes a component o f such contribution is not permissible under the existing policy of the Government of India. This has been informed to the Government of Gujarat on 1st March, 2004.